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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79875

OTSUKA, Takao, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/779,623

Group Art Unit: 3721

Confirmation No.: 9092

Examiner: Michelle Lopez

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY PACKAGING ENCASED PRODUCT

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

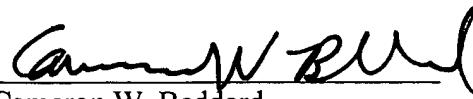
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of December 13, 2004 to April 13, 2005.

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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